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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLIED PROPOSAL FOR JANUARY COUNCIL MEETING ON CSCE

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. SPC MEETING DECEMBER 21 DELEGATIONS OF CANADA, FRG, BELGIUM AND THE NETHERLANDS URGED THAT CHIEFS OF ALLIED CSCE DELS JOIN NAC FOR DISCUSSION OF CSCE ISSUES ON JANUARY 11, FOLLOWING ALREADY AGREED SPC/POLADS MEETINGS WITH CSCE EXPERTS. ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF HOLDING SUCH A MEETING WAS THAT CSCE WAS MOVING INTO PHASE WHERE ALLIES SHOULD ONCE AGAIN TAKE A LOOK AT MAJOR ISSUES SUCH AS FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY, DELEGATIONS SUPPORTING THIS VIEW HAVE PRIVATELY INFORMED US THAT THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT ABSENCE OF FRENCH FROM NATO CAUCUS IN GENEVA. THEY BELIEVED THAT ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE NEEDS TO DISCUSS BROAD QUESTIONS OF WHERE WE ARE GOING IN CSCE.

2. WHILE AGREEING THAT COUNCIL SHOULD MEET ON CSCE MATTERS DURING JANUARY, OTHER DELEGATIONS (ESPECIALLY UK, NORWAY AND FRANCE) MAINTAINED THAT JANUARY 11 WOULD BE TOO SOON TO ORGANIZE A COUNCIL MEETING WITH CHIEFS OF ALLIED CSCE DELEGATIONS.
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ALTERNATIVE DATES SUGGESTED BY CHAIRMAN, AND SUPPORTED BY THESE DELEGATIONS, WERE JANUARY 18 OR 25.

3. US REP SAID HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR US HEAD

OF CSCE DELEGATION TO BE IN BRUSSELS ON JANUARY 11 BUT THOUGHT US WOULD NOT WISH TO STAND IN WAY OF A COUNCIL MEETING ON CSCE ON JANUARY 11 IF THERE WERE STRONG SUPPORT FOR SUCH A MEETING. HE SUGGESTED THAT A MEETING LATER IN JANUARY MIGHT HAVE ADVANTAGES OF ALLOWING MORE TIME FOR PREPARATION.

4. IT WAS AGREED THAT NO RECOMMENDATIONS WOULD BE MADE ON BASIS OF THIS SPC DISCUSSION BUT THAT DELEGATIONS WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AND WOULD RETURN TO SUBJECT AT SPC MEETING ON DECEMBER 28. COMMENT: MOST ALLIES WANT TO HAVE A COUNCIL MEETING IN JANUARY ON CSCE AND MISSION BELIEVES EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON FUTURE COURSE OF CSCE MIGHT BE USEFUL. THE QUESTION OF FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY, IF ANY, HAS NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN NATO FOR SOME TIME, AND DISCUSSION ON THIS SUBJECT MIGHT PROVIDE NEW INSIGHTS INTO CURRENT STATE OF ALLIED THINKING. AT DECEMBER 28 SPC MEETING WE WOULD PLAN TO SUPPORT A COUNCIL MEETING ON CSCE ON WHATEVER DATE IN JANUARY CAN PRODUCE A CONSENSUS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR U.S. CSCE REP IN GENEVA TO BE PRESENT AND WOULD APPRECIATE ADVICE AS TO WHETHER ANY JANUARY DATE WOULD BE CONVENIENT FROM HIS STANDPOINT.

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